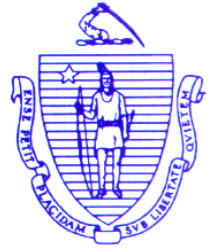




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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5th AND 13th 2002**

Under the provisions of G.L. Ch. 30A and pursuant to the authority found in G.L. Ch. 130 ss. 17A, 80, 100A, and 104, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) have scheduled hearings on the following proposals. Contact the Division of Marine Fisheries for draft regulations and further details.

DMF proposes the following changes to the Northern Shrimp fishery Season (322 CMR 5.02):

1. DMF proposes a 38-day season for the Northern Shrimp commercial fishery. The fishery would open at 0100 on January 15, 2003 and close at 0100 hours on March 1, 2003.
2. The possession and/or landing of Northern Shrimp on Fridays would be prohibited.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2002 (11am) at the Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930

An additional public hearing has been scheduled for December 13, 2002 (11am) at the Division of Marine Fisheries Headquarters, 251 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114-2152

Written comments (by mail or fax) will be accepted until 5 P.M. on Wednesday, December 13, 2002.